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### **October 1 Kentucky Crop Production Forecast**

**Corn** production in **Kentucky** is forecast at 228 million bushels, up 2 percent from the September forecast and up 1 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 175 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from last month and up 17 bushels from the 2014 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.30 million acres, down 130,000 acres from 2014. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 13.6 billion bushels, down slightly from the September forecast and down 5 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 168.0 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushels from last month and down 3.0 bushels from 2014. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 80.7 million acres, down 1 percent from the September forecast and down 3 percent from 2014.

**Soybean** production for **Kentucky** is forecast at 89.2 million bushels, down 3 percent from the September forecast and up 7 percent from 2014. Yield was estimated at 49 bushels per acre, down 1 bushels from last month and up 1.5 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.82 million acres, up 70,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 3.89 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the September forecast and down 1 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 47.2 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushels from last month and down 0.3 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 82.4 million acres, down 1 percent from the September forecast and down slightly from 2014.

**Kentucky burley tobacco** production is forecast at 114 million pounds, down 3 percent from the September forecast and down 30 percent from 2014. Yield was projected at 1,900 pounds per acre, unchanged from last month and down 250 pounds from the 2014 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 60,000 acres, down 16,000 acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is forecast at 152 million pounds, down 29 percent from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 81,000 acres, down 20 percent from 2014. Yields were expected to average 1,876 pounds per acre, down 224 pounds from last year.

Production of **Kentucky dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 33.7 million pounds, up 4 percent from the September forecast and down 7 percent from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is forecast at 14.5 million pounds, up 7 percent from the September forecast and unchanged from last year.

**Alfalfa hay** production by **Kentucky** farmers is forecast at 613,000 tons, up 9 percent the 2014 level. **Other hay** production is estimated at 5.04 million tons, up 20 percent from last year.

**CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, October 1**  
**KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted <sup>1</sup>		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 <sup>2</sup>	2014	2015		2014	2015
						Sep 1 <sup>1</sup>	Oct 1 <sup>2</sup>		
	KENTUCKY								
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Corn <sup>3</sup>	1,520	1,400	1,430	1,300	158.0	172.0	175.0	225,940	227,500
Soybeans <sup>3</sup>	1,760	1,840	1,750	1,820	47.5	50.0	49.0	83,125	89,180
Wheat, Winter <sup>34</sup>	630	560	510	440	71.0	73.0	--	36,210	32,120
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Hay:									
All	--	--	2,265	2,275	2.10	--	--	4,761	--
Alfalfa	--	--	165	175	3.40	--	3.50	561	613
Other, All	--	--	2,100	2,100	2.00	--	2.40	4,200	5,040
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	91,700	74,900	2,337	2,139	2,165	214,280	162,160
Burley	--	--	76,000	60,000	2,150	1,900	1,900	163,400	114,000
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	10,700	9,900	3,400	3,400	3,400	36,380	33,660
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	5,000	5,000	2,900	2,700	2,900	14,500	14,500
	UNITED STATES								
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Corn <sup>3</sup>	90,597	88,381	83,136	80,664	171.0	167.5	168.0	14,215,532	13,554,923
Soybeans <sup>3</sup>	83,276	83,205	82,591	82,429	47.5	47.1	47.2	3,927,090	3,887,721
Wheat, Winter <sup>34</sup>	42,409	39,461	32,299	32,257	42.6	42.5	--	1,377,216	1,370,188
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Hay:									
All	--	--	57,092	56,539	2.45	--	2.52	139,798	142,401
Alfalfa	--	--	18,445	18,337	3.33	--	3.45	61,446	63,214
Other, All	--	--	38,647	38,202	2.03	--	2.07	78,352	79,187
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	378,360	328,950	2,316	2,136	2,148	876,415	706,602
Burley	--	--	101,500	81,000	2,100	1,875	1,876	213,160	151,985
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	18,630	17,750	3,175	3,199	3,209	59,146	56,960
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	6,150	6,200	2,844	2,681	2,842	17,490	17,620

<sup>1</sup> Commodities with estimates not available are (*denoted by "--"*). <sup>2</sup> Forecasted. <sup>3</sup> Area harvested represents grain. <sup>4</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall.